State of Medical Research

1252. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical research has come almost to a standstill in various institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard so as to remove the bottlenecks impeding the level of medical reserarch in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Guidelines/Rules issued by the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experimentation on Animals (CPCSEA) for regulating experiments on animals for production of drugs, testing of vaccines/ante-sera etc. is causing concern among bio-medical research scientists as some of the provisions of the Rules are hampering medical research particularly in the areas relating to development of new drugs. All the issues relating to role of CPCSEA on medical research and amendments to rules, procedures etc. that may be needed, have been taken up with Committee of Secretaries.

Construction of CGHS dispensary in Ashok Vihar

1253. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) had procured a plot for construction of dispensary in Ashok Vihar, Phase-I, New Delhi about ten years back ;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in construction of the dispensary on the said plot; and

(c) by when the construction of dispensary will commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) In August, 1996, the CGHS obtained possession of a plot of land for construction to CGHS dispensary building in Ashok Vihar, Delhi.

(b) The Construction of the building on the plot of land could not commence due to non-confirmation of availability of funds for the proposal from the CPWD. Further, a modified design of the building is being prepared so that the cost of construction of the building is limited to Rs. 1.00 crore.

(c) No specific date for commencement of construction of the building can be indicated as it depends upon availability of resources.

National Anti-Malaria Programme

1254. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated under National Anti-Malaria Programme since 1996-97 till date, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that his Ministry has reduced its assistance drastically to the State of Karnataka:

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government of Karnataka has requested Government to reimburse 50 per cent of expenses incurred by the State on non-salary Portion or an equal amount in the form of supplying medical equipment; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Statement showing the distribution of Central assistance to various States under the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) since 1996-97 is at Statement (*See* below)

(b) to (e) The allocation of Central assistance under National Anti-Malaria Programme (NAMP) is made taking into account the technical requirements availability of stock of materials with the State Government at the end of financial year and availability of funds as per budgetary outlay. Central assistance is released to Karnataka in kind as per the approved pattern of assistance under the NAMP.